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UWF SURVEYS ITSELF

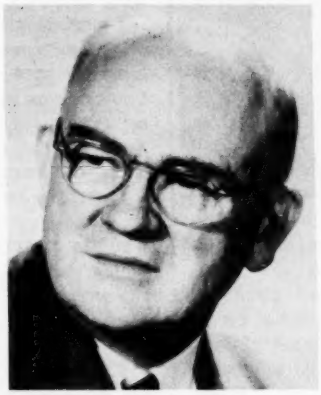
A Report from Richard J. Livingston Chairman of the Survey Committee

In Cleveland, in January, 1958, the National Executive Council created a "Survey Committee".

The Survey Committee shouldered a double obligation:

1) To discover why people favorably inclined to UWF's goals do not become UWF members;

2) To test the appeal of various names for our organization.



Thomas G. MacGowan

After five meetings, spread over nearly a year, the committee submitted the following:

a. The survey should be as broad as UWF membership participation will allow.

b. The first objective should be approached in two ways:

i. It is necessary to label and understand the blocks which keep people in general agreement with us from expressing that agreement in action of any kind.

ii. It is necessary to explore the concepts which move people to support us.

c. Some twenty such blocks were itemized, and eleven concepts leading to favorable action were included.

d. To test the appeal of names for the organization twenty-five combinations were selected.

e. Since the Survey Committee lacked the professional knowledge necessary to draw up the questionnaire to be used and the instructions to interviewers, Mr. Thomas G. MacGowan of Akron was asked to obtain a sub-committee of five experts for this purpose.

f. The Sub-committee consists of three men from Elmo Roper's organization, Mr. Oliver Quayle III, Mr. Joel Brooke and Dr. Gerhardt Wiede. Mr. Harry Hollingsworth of Akron and Mr. Neal Potter of Washington, D.C., complete the Subcommittee.

g. In addition to framing the questionnaire and instructions, the sub-committee will evaluate the completed questionnaire.

h. It is hoped that the branches and regions will be able to tabulate the questionnaires the Sub-committee completes.

i. The value of this survey depends in large part on the cooperation of the UWF membership throughout the country. A balanced sample is needed, and therefore if some regions are unable to promise support, those areas will leave a blank in the final picture.

j. It is also essential that the interviews be performed in uniform style, and that people in California be questioned exactly as they are in Minnesota. Thus, participating federalists will be asked TO AVOID our chronic habit of trying to "improve" on the official method.

For years our only guide has been personal opinion. Every good federalist not only has his own ideas, but is delighted to offer them whenever the opportunity presents itself. This federalist trait has made for sprightly and impassioned discussion, but our record is one which indicts us all.

With millions of Americans disposed to agree with us, as polls by Roper and Gallup have repeatedly shown, we have less than 15,000 paying members. It is the fervent hope of the Survey Committee that its final report will present facts whose application will enable us to realize our potential far more than at present.

If we are to obtain the facts, the cooperation of federalists throughout the country must be procured. You will hear more from the Committee soon.

THE DEMOCRATS SPEAK

The Democratic Advisory Committee, which contains such members as Harry S. Truman, Adlai Stevenson and Dean Acheson, issued a policy statement on December 8, parts of which read as follows:

"During these two remaining years of the Eisenhower Administration, the Democratic opposition should insist that the Republican Administration act:

"To have a foreign policy which will make it clear to the world that the United States and its allies and friends want peace and are willing to do what is necessary to get it;

". . . . . to use the United Nations wherever practicable for the development of our policies;

"and to move with determination to seek world agreement on the regulation and control of weapons of modern war.

"Mankind must get control of the weapons of modern war. The most immediate step in this direction should be for the United States to propose to the United Nations a reliable stage by stage plan, to be enforced by the United Nations, for substantially total disarmament down to the levels necessary for local policing.

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"The process of reshaping (our economic foreign program) should now be undertaken with redoubled vigor. It involves a complex of technical assistance, private credits facilitated by public action, and public programs. . . .

"The cost of plenty is less than the cost of arms; the benefits incalculably greater.

"The appalling spectacle of vast unused productive powers in the United States while others cannot make their human ends meet, needs to be succeeded by the inspiration of an America willing to use a just proportion of our marvelous technology to reinforce political freedom by reducing freedom from want."

ORAM MAILINGS
An Explanation

For the past nine months, UWF has retained the firm of Harold Oram, Inc., public relations consultants of New York. This firm has already done much to extend understanding of UWF's goals, and has many plans for the future.

The fee for these services has been raised, to a considerable degree, by widespread mail campaigns conducted by the Oram organization, which has in its possession, a number of lists of people who support such organizations as UWF.

Although a vast majority of the people thus contacted through the mails are not members of UWF, it is inevitable that numerous UWF members' names are on one or more of the Oram lists.

Some of our members have wondered why they have received one or more of these mail appeals, which are obviously aimed at a non-federalist audience.

This is the reason: Their names are on the lists which have been used; and it is obviously impossible to check such large lists against the thousands of names in our own files to eliminate duplications. We ask, therefore, for your understanding in case you are one of those thus contacted.

In case any member does wish to support the public relations program, in addition to the dues or contributions he is already giving UWF, we would of course be grateful. But such support of the public relations program is necessarily separate from, and in addition to, the usual dues and contributions which we receive through the regular organizational channels.

CLEVELAND HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Robert Bingham, President of the Mid-Lakes Region of UWF and a member of Thompson, Hine and Flory, a leading law firm of Cleveland, has been appointed Chairman of an ad hoc committee of the Cleveland Bar Association to respond to a request received from Mr. Charles Rhyne, Chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on World Peace Through World Law.

The purpose of this ad hoc committee will be to submit ideas to the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Bar Association as to what a world conference on the rule of law should do and can do.

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COLUMNIST CALLS FOR WORLD LAW

Wes Lawrence is the most widely read columnist in the Cleveland area. Not long ago the following appeared in his column in the "Plain Dealer":

Thursday, Nov. 20: To lunch this noon with the United World Federalists and was pleased to see men and women of such varied interests joined in the most practical movement of our time. For if there is to be any sanity restored to our planet, I see no way to achieve it but through putting an end to that anarchy in international affairs which would be thought wholly uncivilized as it would be wholly unworkable within a nation.

It is a strange thing that we cannot seem to bring ourselves to live under genuine international law as we learned centuries ago to live under national law. If we do not elect to do so very soon, it will be too late, and our whole civilization will collapse in a world whose land has been made uninhabitable and whose atmosphere has been poisoned beyond purification.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM JERRY VOORHIS

Executive Director, Cooperative League of America
Former Congressman from California

As a human being I protest to the Governments of the nations which possess nuclear weapons.

I protest because God gave this good green earth to be a home for me and my children and their children after them—and not to be a cracked, desolated, massive grave.

I protest the deception that is practiced on us people. I protest the talking that is being done about national defense as if it were possible to defend a single human life by military means any longer.

I protest because it is not honestly said that the only way any longer to defend any nation or any people is by preventing another war from happening at all.

I protest the poisoning of the air and the grass and the children's milk with strontium 90 from the blasts of nuclear weapons.

I protest the hypocrisy of the Russian government in announcing it was stopping the testing of nuclear weapons just after a series of tests by it had spread more poison into the earth's atmosphere than ever had been done before.

I protest the tragic failure of the American government to meet the challenge of the Russian announcement head-on by stating that of course the United States would stop testing nuclear weapons as long as the Russians kept their word.

I protest the refusal of the Atomic Energy Commission of the U.S. to tell the people the truth about the danger they face.

I protest the flagrant disregard of all decent moral principles which is inherent in a situation where one or two or three nations arrogate to themselves, by their possession of nuclear weapons, the right to decide whether or not all mankind shall live or die.

I protest every policy that is based on plans to win a war that cannot be won by anybody. I protest every policy that is not aimed at preventing the war by building a structure of enforceable peace within the framework of world law before it is too late.

I protest because human beings like me have a right to pass on to our children at least an even chance that they can live on this earth.

What am I going to do about it?

I am going to go on protesting—and speaking my mind—and shouting my mind from housetops if necessary.

Because my mind is the mind of billions. And my voice is the voice of billions of people. And that voice will be heard. And it will be listened to.

Small voices like mine will grow great. And few voices will grow many.

I shall continue to protest until those who can find no better thing to do than toy with war—and with the world—and with the life of humanity—and with the future of God's green earth, will be afraid to do that any more—whoever they are, even if they are dictators or heads of state.

McLaughlin

294 delegates representing over 50 airlines, meeting in Miami for the convention of the Air Line Pilots Association from November 3 through 9, 1958, passed a resolution affirming support for the principles and purposes of the United Nations as stated in the Preamble to the Charter.

The resolution was introduced by Capt. Charles Dent of United Airlines and supported on the floor by Capt. Ronald C. McLaughlin of Northwest Airlines.

The convincing argument was that it is proper for ALPA to concern itself with the means of preventing major war —that if an organization such as ALPA need assume no responsibility for conditions essential to its survival, no business, no individual could be held responsible.

While the resolution does not call for the essentials of peace as understood by Federalists, it is a major step forward and provides a broad base upon which further study and action may be predicated.

Poetry Corner

The following poem was written by Heidi Honnold, 15 year old daughter of John O. Honnold, Jr., of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. It grew out of Heidi's experience last summer when she accompanied her parents to the World Association Conference at Pietersburg, Holland.

HARMONY

The strings of a guitar are like the
people of the world.
They look different,
They sound different,
They live side by side.
They start at a common place,
And have the same destiny.
Each has its own quality.
When treated with kindness and love
They may sing joyously together.

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SOLUTION

By John Thames, Alabama

I pondered myriad plans for peace
To check their every flaw,
And found that wars would never cease
Until we have world law.

THE READER'S FORUM

From following your Newsletter over a period of months, I would say your, our, crying need now is to evolve some definite plan for a world federation, some definite plan for a revision of the UN Charter to make it effective.

The existence of such a plan will not guarantee any action on that plan, but the absence of any definite plan will surely guarantee no action whatever. One of your Newsletters stressed the urgent need for the U.S. Government to have a plan for the conference which is already called for by the UN for a revision of its Charter, and that the U.S. has no such plan prepared.

I would say the most effective, if not the only effective action the UWF could take now would be to try for the formulation of some definite plan of its own, to present to the U.S. Government, the UN and the WAWF.

Lee S. Gardner, Alaska

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Our young son Ted wants to be a scientist. He hopes to use atomic energy to change salt water into fresh water, and to find a remedy for cancer.

It is likely that he will be tempted by the almost irresistible inducements of the military and big business to carry on research in destructive weapons.

Before he is faced with such a decision, we hope to teach him that **a scientist's primary purpose is to increase human knowledge and to promote man's mastery over the forces of nature for the benefit of all.**

The weaponeers will offer him prestige and all the comforts of life to buy his mind and soul.

We will tell him how Jesus was taken to the mountain top and tempted in a similar manner.

Be he a chemist, physicist, engineer or atomic scientist, he should know that the splitting of the atom has fused all people into a single community of nations.

He should know that the world already possesses more than enough bombs to disintegrate itself.

He should know that the most urgent research is in the elimination of war through the exploration and establishment of a system of mutual security based on World Law.

May he find in his spirit the strength and the courage to think independently, to accept his responsibility to mankind and to be a scientist for peace.

Christmas card from
Souren and Margaret Tashian,
Washington State

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CORRECTION AND APOLOGIES

We left out of Guy Murchie's letter, printed in the November Newsletter, a most important section, which, Mr. Murchie has pointed out to us, materially changed his intended meaning.

Mr. Murchie's letter said, "In other words, the inspectors of disarmament —without whom disarmament would be considered a mere farce in the present world—must actually be the bailiffs of world law."

This is how we garbled it, "In other words, the inspectors of disarmament would be considered a mere farce in the present world. . . . ."

Mr. Murchie says, "I assume it is a copying and copy-reading error."

It is hard to imagine a copying error which could so perfectly have given the exactly opposite impression from the one intended by the writer. Our apologies to Mr. Murchie.

WANTED – Letters to the Editor Writers

Additional members for the "Letter to the Editor Committee". Applicants must be well grounded in the fundamentals of Federalism. Through letters to the Editor they should have the ability to promote the idea that permanent peace is most likely to be attained through a United Nations endowed with the power to legislate, adjudicate and enforce law between nations.

They should be able to advocate this plan as the solution for most of the international woes that exist and to criticize any action that does not move in that direction.

From time to time members are sent suggested subjects upon which to write. Each member is asked to write at least one letter per month. Applications for membership accepted by J. A. Migel, Charlestown, R.I.

This is one of the many fine ways to serve our cause. On a commercial basis this committee has obtained between $50,000 and $55,000 worth of space during 1958.

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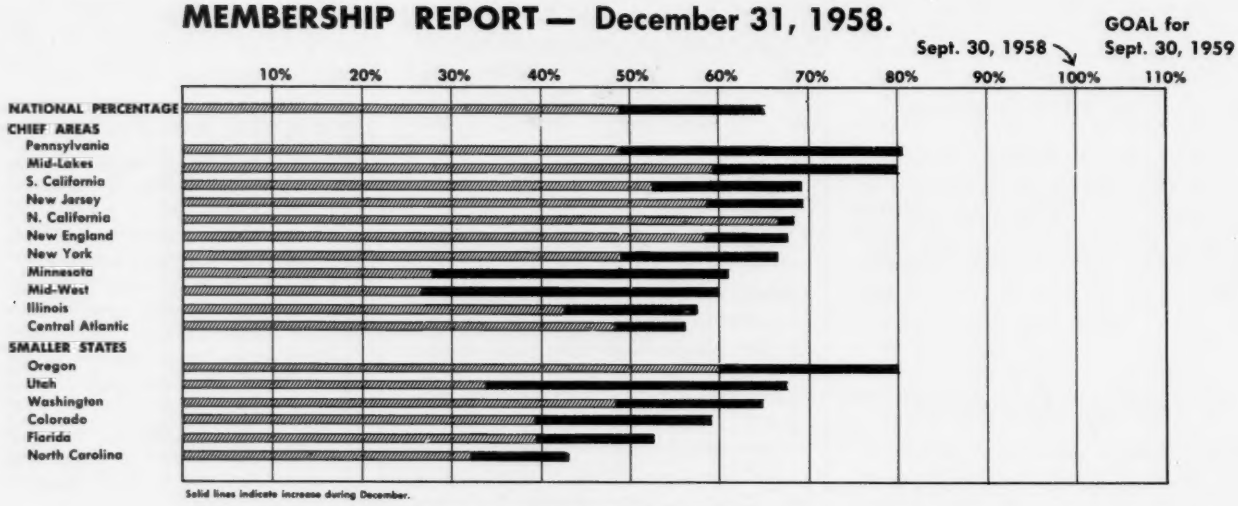

NOTE! Have you renewed? Have you signed up a new member?

Young World Federalists–The Indian Union

(Excerpts from a report to Young World Federalists by Brinda Prasad Sinha):

I am busy laying down the solid foundations for this noble movement, which has to pass through so many odds to reach its rightful place in the destiny of mankind.

After a good deal of effort I have been able to get the acceptance of Dr. B. L. Atreya to be the president of our National Union. He is a philosopher of International repute next only to Sri Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan in stature and personality.

I am also contacting Mr. Radhakrishnan, Mrs. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, former Health Minister of India, and General Cariappa, former Commander in Chief, Indian Army.

I went to Delhi in August last. Only a week before my arrival, an international youth rally . . . was held. It was found that the Indian Union of Young World Federalists has influenced the youth and we may forge ahead gradually.

NEW UWF LEADERSHIP

UWF is honored to announce that former Senator Ralph Flanders, Republican of Vermont, has agreed to serve as an Honorary Vice-President.

We also take pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, daughter of Woodrow Wilson, Dr. Louis B. Sohn, Professor of Law at Harvard and co-author with Grenville Clark of "World Peace Through World Law", and Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Rodef Shalom Temple in Pittsburgh, have joined UWF's National Advisory Board.

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